

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18382

The proposed legislation (the "Act") establishes a streamlined statewide process that will enable new providers of wireline video service to receive a certificate of franchise authority from the Idaho Secretary of State to provide video service within the state. Local authority over the use of the public rights of way is preserved and video service provided under the Act must be in compliance with local governmental requirements and oversight of public rights of way. The Act provides for equality of treatment between incumbent cable service providers and new video service providers and continuation of the right of local government to receive video franchise fees from all video service providers on an equal basis.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no negative fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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